GOGOI): (a) As per information abailable, the current demand for organic products in the EEC is estimated as under:—

1. Raw Cane Sugar	10,000 MT
2. Cotton	20,000 MT
3. Sesame	1,000 MT
4. Spices	1,000 MT
5. Mango Juice	100 MT
6. Canned Tomatoes	1,000 MT

(b) The quality parameters required in agricultural/horticultural produce for manufacture of food products would differ depending upon the product to be manufactured. For example, mangoes with high total solids, good colour flavour and acidity levels are required for production of pulp and concentrates. Tomatoes with high total solids, good lycopin content and moderate acidity is required for manufacture of tomato paste. Wheat with high gluten content is required for manufacture of pasta products but for biscuits and chappatis wheat with low gluten content is required. For juice and concentrate manufacture, pineapple with high juice content with high total solids and flavour are required. But for manufacture of pineapple slices, large sized cylindrical pineapple free from white patches with thin layer are required.

(c) The estimated production of processed fruits & vegetable products by the Units licensed under Fruit products Order, 1955 was 4.69 lakh tonnes during 1992. The break-up of different products in tonnage are as under:—

(Thousand tonnes)

1.	Ready-to-serve beverages	136.0
2.	Canned and bottled fruit & vegetables	19.0
3.	Fruit juice	16.0
4.	Fruit Pulps	103.0
5.	Jam/Squashes/Syrups	42.6
6.	Fruit Juice concentrate	5.5
7.	Pickles, preserves & Chattnies	52.4
8.	Dehydrated fruits & vegetables	8.5
9.	Frozen fruits and vegetables	31.3
10.	Tomato products including tomato ketchup & sauce	35.4
11.	Candied/crystalised fruits	11.0
12.	Venegar, other sauces & misc. products.	8.3
	Total:	**469.0**

Permission to McDonald' for setting up fast-food Outlets in the Country

1646. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted McDonald's multinational for setting up fast-food outlets in the country with Indian collaboration;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the fast-food articles proposed to be produced by the multinational company;

(d) whether it is a fact that setting up of the fast-food outlets by the multinational entail killings of animals which is likely to arouse religious sentiments of the people; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for allowing the multinationals to open such fast-food outlets in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) The Government have recently approved a proposal of M/s. McDonald's Corporation, USA to set up a wholly owned subsidiary in India for setting up McDonald Restaurants. The restaurants will be developed and operated primarily through; (i) directly by the subsidiary for a limited number of restaurants; (ii) Joint Venture between the subsidiary and Indian partners; (iii) Indian licences. The total investment

for these projects is expected to be 40 million US Dollars during the initial 7 year. The foreign equity investment will initially be 1 lakh US dollars to be increased to 20 millions US Dollars over initial 7 yean. The approval is subject to the conditions that no dividend will be repatriated during the first 7 years of operation.

(c) The menu indicated by M/s. McDonald' in the proposal include burgers and sandwich, french fried potatoes, fish & chicken producing chicken nuggets, milk shakes, apple pies, sundaes, cookies, soft drinks and other beverages.

(d) The restaurants are to operate within the framework of Indian Laws. The proposal does not envisage setting' up of abbattoirs.

(e) The rationale for permitting such companies to operate in the country, *inter-alia,* includes attracting foreign investment, employment generation, bringing in better systems for distribution and transportation, upgradation of standards of its suppliers serving Indian tourism industry etc.

Processing of Grapes in Punjab

1647. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the production of grapes in Punjab;

(b) whether there is any proposal to process them to value added products; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As per information available, the production of grapes in Punjab in 1989-90 was 56,430 MT which rose to 60426 MT in 1991-92.

(b) and (c) Three Letters of Intent have been granted for setting up of grape-based value added products' industries in Punjab.

Licences/Permit for adding value of Agri-Produce Items

1648. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers have been liberated from the obligation of licence or permit for adding value of their agri-produce in the liberlised atmosphere;

(b) if not, whether farmers are being debarred from adding value to their sugarcane by closed vacuum system, their paddy production by extracting rice of their paddy produce to their cotton production by yarn etc.;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the details of other crops to which farmers are not allowed to add value freely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING . INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) (a) Certain permits/ licences are necessary for value addition to some agri-produce.

(b) to (d) No, Sir, subject to the requirement of obtaining permit/licence as required under the relevant laws.

Use of Quinacrine in Producing Sterility

1649. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some gynaecological researches conducted in India, USA and other countries have suggested that QUINACRINE, which is being used in several countries for treatment of intestinal disorders, can affectively produce sterility in women and substitute for conventional tubectomy which requires surgery; .